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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims supersedes all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of associating a computer terminal of a user with a communications device operable by the user within a distributed computer system comprising communications switching apparatus and call control apparatus, the method comprising performing the following [[steps]]:

generating an identifier for a communications line end-point,
communicating the identifier to the communications device via the computer terminal;

initiating a communication with the communications line ~~endpoint~~ using end-point by said communications device sending a request to said communications switching apparatus for connection to the identifier for said communications line end-point; and

when [[a]] the request for connection to the communications line end-point generated by the communications device is received by [[other]] said communications switching apparatus within said computer system, said call control apparatus recording an identifier for the communications device; and

checking if said device identifier has already been associated with at least one other identifier for a communications line end-point previously communicated to the

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computer terminal, and in the event of a match, associating the communications device of the user with the computer terminal of the user.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the communications device is a telephone terminal.

3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the identifier for a communications line end-point comprises a sequence of numerical digits.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the sequence of numerical digits comprises a ~~telephoneable~~ telephonable number.

5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the identifier is communicated to the communications device via the computer terminal communicating the identifier for the communications line end-point to the user.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in 5, wherein the computer terminal communicates the identifier by displaying it to the user.

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7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the computer communicates the identifier by audibly announcing it to the user.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the identifier for the communications line end-point is automatically communicated to the communications device.

9. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the identifier for the communications line end-point is automatically communicated to the communications device, and wherein an icon is displayed to the user by the computer terminal, and by activating the icon the computer terminal automatically communicates the identifier for the communications line end-point to the communications device.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the identifier is automatically communicated using a wireless communications link between the computer terminal and the communications device.

11. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the communications link is short-range ~~short-range~~.

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12. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising in the event no match is obtained, iterating the steps of the method recited in claim 1 at least once.

13. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein in at least the second iteration of the method steps, the identifier for the communications line end-point is communicated to the computer terminal only in response to a previous identifier for the communications device identity being associated with the computer terminal.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ~~other apparatus comprises a~~ communications switching apparatus comprises an automatic branch exchange system.

15. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim ~~[[14]]~~ 1, wherein the communications switching ~~system~~ apparatus comprises a ~~[[PABX]]~~ private automatic branch exchange.

16. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the computer terminal is arranged to prompt the user to perform at least one additional action when requesting connection to the communications line end-point.

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17. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein an additional action performed by the user is to cause the communications device to revert to an on-hook status at a predetermined time.

18. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein an additional action performed by the user is to cause the communications device to go off-hook at a predetermined time.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed[[.]] in claim 7, wherein an additional action to be performed by the user is to enter information on the computer terminal indicative of a signal audible by the user over the communications line used to request connection to the identifier for the communications end-point.

20-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) A computer terminal comprising components arranged to perform appropriate steps in the method of claim 1.

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41. (Previously Presented) Apparatus comprising components arranged to receive requests for connection and to implement appropriate steps in the method according to claim 1.

42. (Previously Presented) A computer system comprising: a computer terminal comprising components arranged to perform steps according to the method of claim 1.

43. (Currently Amended) Computer-readable storage media containing computer program code ~~software~~ arranged in use to be installed on the computer terminal and arranged when loaded to enable the computer terminal to perform the steps of claim 1.

44. (Currently Amended) Computer-readable storage media containing computer program code ~~software~~ arranged in use to be installed on apparatus comprising components arranged to receive requests for connection and to implement ~~according to claim 41, the software arranged and when loaded to to perform the steps~~ of claim 1 when said program code is loaded into and executed by said apparatus.

45-50. (Cancelled)